Mrs. Ruby Williamson is shown congratulating Mrs. Geraldine Marshall, District 11 Treasurer.

Remember?

A collection of homemakers' memorabilia

By FRANCES PAULETTE

Flat Irons?

On ironing day, in days gone by, the pots and pans used to prepare breakfast were promptly removed from the top of the big black stove in the kitchen.....to make room for the flat irons. There had to be more than one iron; as the lady of the house did the ironing, the iron cooled with use and another had to be kept 'heating' on the stove ready for replacement.

Since a blazing fire was necessary to keep the irons hot, the housewife often "killed two birds with one stone" so to speak. With the stove already hot, she would plan to bake a cake, a loaf of bread or something else that was a family favorite. Should you happen by when the housewife was ironing, it was not unusual to smell 'something good' baking.

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The Blue Plate Special in restaurants back in days gone by cost all of thirty-five cents and was a complete meal!

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In the 'good ole days' the operator on the telephone was called "Central".

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Whenever someone died, a hand-made wreath, usually of fresh evergreens and tied with black ribbon, (black only, mind you!), was hung on the door of the home of the bereaved family and remained there until the day after the funeral.

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The custom of using napkins rings was more widespread back in the days of THEN than it is today. It is more for decorative purposes, rather than necessity that they are used today. Many years ago, however, every member of the family had a napkin ring at his or her place at the dining table. When the family finished a meal each member would fold his or her napkin and place it in the napkin ring ready for use at the next meal. Does anyone remember just how long one napkin was used? It could depend, I suppose, on whether the napkin was made of linen or some less expensive material as to how it held up with use. What really counted the most was how carefully the person dined!

Some napkin rings were quite expensive, fashioned from sterling silver and bearing elaborate design, while others were made from a much less expensive material.

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Have you ever heard of a "shucking peg"? Before the farm operation became so mechanized and specialized, farmers used to cut the corn crop, stalk by stalk, with a corn knife, and place it in corn shocks until the time was right for a "corn shucking."

A day was set, suitable to all of the farmers in the immediate area. On the morning of the appointed day the men arrived, each armed with his shucking peg, ready for work. Before the day was done the job would be complete. The husks removed, the pile of golden ears would be a colorful reminder of all of the hard work necessary for a harvest of corn such as

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they had.

The peg itself was nothing more than a little wooden stick trimmed to a point on one end. A piece of leather was cut and fastened on as a sort of handle. A simple gadget but a very necessary part of the farmer's equipment....THEN.

Do you remember the molasses making? It was often considered one of the major social events in a rural community. It was supposed to be a lot of fun just as long as you didn't fall in the "skimming hole."

The "skimming hole" was an area nearby in which skim was deposited as it was removed from the cooking molasses.

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Do you remember? On and on we could go...remembering or being told of things that we don't remember but are the memories of someone very dear to us. Were they really the "good ole days"? Do YOU remember?

Mrs. Geraldine Marshall, District 11 Treasurer.

All trees are not created equal.

David Coffman, District Forester for Westvaco Timberlands Division in Appomattox, holds cross sections of loblolly pine (on left) and upland hardwood (on right).

Some tree species need lots of moisture and good soil to grow, while others do well on drier, less fertile sites. Although the two tree cross sections shown here are approximately the same age, the hardwood on the right is only one-third the size of the pine on the left. That's why at Westvaco we plant fast growing pines on dry ridge top sites and keep hardwoods in the more fertile hollows and creek bottoms. Matching tree species with the proper growing site is just one part of our overall multiple-use forest management program.

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